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Mr. Ellsworth Tompkins  
Executive Secretary  
National Association of  
Secondary-School Principals  
1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tompkins:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21 September.

I enjoyed talking with you today about Mr. Dulles' keen interest in the subject of your letter. This will confirm our understanding about expenses and our agreement that you will extend an invitation on or about 15 November for Mr. Dulles' reconsideration.

I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Dulles' 22 August speech for your information.

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the Director

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Mr. Ellsworth Tompkins  
Executive Secretary, National Association  
of Secondary-School Principals  
1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tompkins:

Thank you very much for your letter of 21 September inviting me to speak on 11 February at the opening session of the 45th Annual Convention that the National Association of Secondary-School Principals is holding in Detroit.

It is a little early for me to make a definite commitment for the month of February and I cannot give you a firm answer until the latter part of November or the first part of December. I realize, of course, that you must proceed to make your schedule well in advance and, if this is not satisfactory, please let me know.

Your courtesy in asking me to join you is indeed appreciated.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Mr. Dulles:

I have telephoned Mr. Tompkins about his invitation for you to speak to the Annual Convention of the National Association of Secondary-School Principals on 11 February 1961.

He is perfectly willing to write later and would like a reply by late November. He understands your wishes on expenses and an honorarium.

I'll write Mr. Tompkins per attached to confirm our telephone conversation, if you agree.

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Honorable Alan W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

The National Association of Secondary-School Principals is holding its 45th Annual Convention in Detroit, Michigan, February 11-15, 1961. We expect that the convention will attract 7,000 registrants almost all of whom are principals of junior and senior high schools from each of the fifty states and Canada. These men constitute what we regard as the leadership in secondary education in our country.

We believe that our convention program should deal with a major question affecting instruction in secondary schools in this country--How can the twelve million boys and girls now in school be given a better understanding of, and insight into, the nature of their commitment to the ideals of the United States of America? To accomplish this, it seems necessary that our youth have an awareness of the ways by which the Communist forces use their cultural, economic, and educational resources in the quest for world domination.

The Executive Committee of the National Association of Secondary-School Principals is asking your help in counseling secondary-school principals and leaders at the Detroit Convention on what the schools can do to make better progress in correctly assessing the world scene. We have no doubt that issues underlying a study of certain parts of the current struggle for men's minds will be reflected in curriculum and instruction as secondary-school leaders become convinced they are essential.

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Honorable Alan W. Dulles  
September 21, 1960  
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The National Association of Secondary-School Principals has the honor to invite you to address the opening session of the National Convention in Cobo Hall, Detroit, on Saturday, February 11, at 11:00 AM.

If you find it possible to accept our invitation, we can assure you a large and influential audience. The Association will, of course, pay your expenses and provide an honorarium on which we can agree later.

The Executive Committee expresses the hope that you will be able to address our Convention at Detroit and thus initiate a better understanding of the part secondary schools can play in supporting America and the American way of life.

Sincerely yours,

*Ellsworth Tompkins*  
Ellsworth Tompkins  
Executive Secretary

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23 September 1960

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MEMORANDUM TO: [REDACTED]

NEA, as you know, is the propaganda outfit to which practically every school teacher in America contributes and which has been very effective in lobbying for greater Government expenditures on school buildings and for teachers' salaries.

These principals are part of NEA. The NEA might be termed the "union" of American school teachers.

The Director, in view of his V.F.W. talk regarding the teaching of Communism in secondary schools, might well accept this invitation, for whatever he will say will have large circulation throughout the U.S. educational world. However, I believe it is much too early to commit him to talk in Detroit on Saturday, 11 February 1961 at 11 AM, and I recommend that the writer be informed that the Director cannot make a commitment so far in advance.

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Attach.

[REDACTED]  
Stanley J. Grogan  
Assistant to the Director

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

The attached letter is in response to our request to Mr. Tompkins to renew his invitation for you to speak in Detroit on 11 February. They need to get out their advance notices around 1 December.

Colonel Grogan's recommendation is attached.

I recommend you accept at this time.

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Remarks: This is a great opportunity for the DCI to get national coverage on his idea of teaching the principles of Communism in the secondary schools of the nation. However, to make a commitment prior to 1 Dec. '60 for an address scheduled for 11 Feb. '61 still seems to be too early. The new Administration will go in on 20 Jan. '61, just 3 weeks before this meeting. It may be that a commitment now by the DCI would not be a wise one in view of the personnel changes within Government which will include the Dept. of Education. If the DCI at this time feels free to make a commitment for next 11 Feb., this is a good forum. If he can't make that commitment as requested before 1 Dec., then I believe he should decline. When the DCI makes a decision, we will prepare a letter for his signature.

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Stanley J. Grogan, Asst. to the DCI	11/30/60	
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